Contribution of Agro-Products in Export

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the contribution of agro-products in the total export done from the country is decreasing constantly ;

(b) if not, the percentage of export of agro-products among the total export done from the country during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99; and

(c) the names of agro-products which are exported the most alongwith the names of those which are exported the least ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) The country's total exports and total agricultural exports (in terms of value in Rs. crores) and the percentage share of export of agricultural products including Marine, Tea, Coffee, Castor oil and Cotton including waste to total exports during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 are given below :—

Export of Agricultural Products

Year	Country's total Exports (Rs. in Crores)	Agricultural Exports (Rs. in Crores)	% share of Agricultural Exports against Country's total Exports
1996-97	118817.31	24362.57	20.50
1997-98	126285.76	23798.37	18.80
1998-99	141603.53	25224.63	17.81

(Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(c) The agro-products which are exported the most are rice, cereals, cashew, spices, tobacco, oilmeals and the items which are exported the least are processed foods, floriculture products, fruits and vegetables, mollasses, poultry & dairy products and shellac.

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